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**WOMAN SENTENCED FOR CONSPIRACY AND FILING  
FALSE CLAIMS TO OBTAIN INCOME TAX REFUNDS**

**GREENBELT** Maryland - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced that Olubukola Awosanya, a.k.a. Bukky Oladejo, age 39, formerly of Laurel, Maryland was sentenced today by Judge Alexander Williams, Jr. to serve 15 months in prison, a \$5,000 fine and \$40,772 in restitution for conspiracy and filing false claims to obtain income tax refunds.

According to evidence presented by the government during the trial, for tax years 1995 through 1999 Awosanya and her husband Jide Awosanya each filed two federal income tax returns using two different social security numbers and under two different names and each claiming a refund. For example, in tax years 1995 through 1999 Awosanya filed a tax return in the name of Olubukola Awosanya with social security number 220-45-4407 and another tax return in the name of Bukky Oladejo with social security number 219-41-6780. Each of these tax returns claimed as dependents either nonexistent children or other people's children. By claiming these children as dependents Awosanya was also allowed to file under the lower tax bracket of head of household and claim the earned income tax credit. Awosanya never paid any taxes for those tax years and along

with her husband received refunds in amounts ranging from \$1,793 to \$2,318. The total refund amount received was \$40,772.

A search warrant was executed at her home located at 12205 Highlander Court, Laurel, Maryland in November 1998. Among the items seized and introduced into evidence was a state of Maryland driver's license in the name of Bukky Oladejo; a state of Maryland non-driver's identification card in the name of Olubukola Awosanya; two Republic of Nigeria passports in the name of Bukky Oladejo and Olubukola Oladejo; two Republic of Nigeria birth certificates in the name of Bukky Oladejo and Olubukola Oladejo with different dates of birth; and social security cards in the name of Olubukola Awosanya and Bukky Oladejo.

This case is the result of an investigation by the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Bryan E. Foreman.